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U.S. Appln. No. : 10/620,408) Examiner: WARD, Edward C.
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Attny. Docket No. : 9/248

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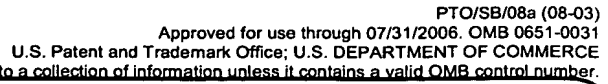
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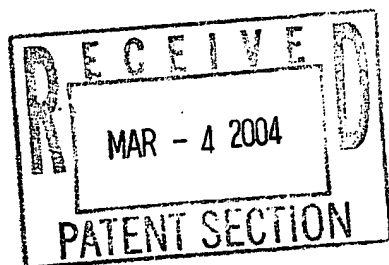
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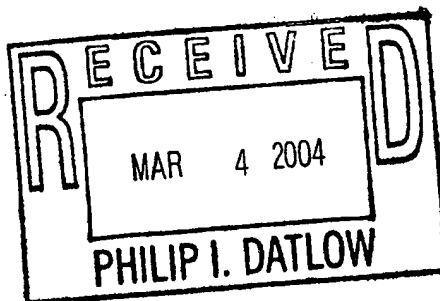
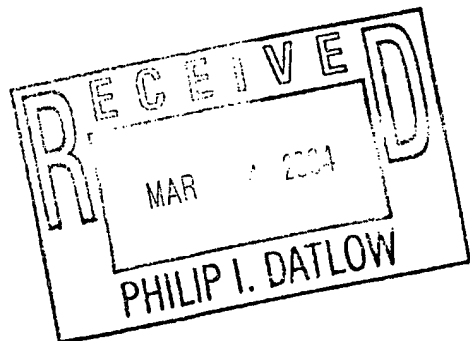
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